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The radicals say that should the House of Representatives attempt to elect a President the radical members will withdraw and leave it without a quorum, but that should they determine to remain, the President of the Senate will count the votes and declare Hayes elected, and that should the democratic Congress, in that event, "vote to join the Senate, and, refusing to hold a session of their own, to which the Speaker is invited that 'as no President of the United States has been elected, the House will proceed to choose for the same,' the moment this is done he would become the possessor of constitutional authority, and a trustee to the lawful government of the United States, and would be summarily arrested, in company with all who proposed to give him to the revolutionary cause." The radicals can never be governed at the point of the bayonet, except the adoption of a policy that will lead to foreign war, courage in schemes to ravage the floors of the country—such as back Friday operations, without cause, but let the dems make an attempt to exercise constitutional rights which happen to be antagonistic to radical designs, and then they become "traitors," and even though they constitute a large majority of the popular branch of Congress, shall be treated as the unfortunate legislators of Louisiana and South Carolina have been. What the country wants to know is whether the nation-wide democratic majority will allow Mr. Randall and other democratic members of the House of Representatives to be driven out of the chapter by the soldiers that the "representatives of the republicans party" has been brought for that purpose.

John Bowron Duncan, of Louisville, Ky., who was a vigorous Southerner in his feelings that he could not support Greeley and Brown, and giving the O'Connor and Adams ticket, has just published a letter, in which he says:

"I don't think General Hayes need apprehend any trouble. The South will not go in co-operation with the disappointed politicians who are ready to die for war and slavery. The Northern States are solid in having Republican Legislatures—except that one House in New Jersey is Democratic, and the Senate in Indiana is a tie. The only result of the vapourings may be assemblies of democratic militia with cartridges, to wage war in their respective localities by means of words and fierce resolutions. Of course I consider there can be no doubt; the people have observed Hayes' conduct and that of Mr. Tilden, and if the election could come off to-morrow, Hayes would carry every Northern State and five of the Southern."

It strikes observant people as rather singular—and induces them, like the ridiculous otiose Frenchman of the well-known story, to suspect something—that of the few Southern men, of any prominence, who now support Hayes, every one, without exception, once stood square on the Southern platform or to sway-backed.

We have received from Dr. R. F. Baldwin, the able and efficient Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Staunton, the annual report of that well managed institution. The inmates of the Asylum on the 30th of September last numbered 255, of which number 160 were females. Dr. Baldwin says on looking into the history of the applications for admission into the Asylum he finds that a large majority of the applicants have been permitted to remain concealed at home until beyond the curable stage.

It now appears that Mr. Ferry, the President of the U. S. Senate, is as unreliable as the rest of his party. He tells the messengers who bring him the democratic returns from the dispossessed States that he can give them no receipt for the same because it is undetermined which returns are correct, but when the messengers with radical returns from those States come to him he gives them full and complete receipts, as in the case of Mr. Anderson, of Louisiana.

The Sioux are deriving as much benefit from President's withdrawal of troops from the Indian country to huddle the democratic House of Representatives as the bay-makers do from sunshine. They not only massacre whole commands, but drive expeditions against them back to the shelter of the forts. The President, however, says the Indian war is over; he also says Hayes shall be inaugurated, and one assertion is probably as correct as the other.

Speaker Randall has ordered Mr. Orton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to appear forthwith before the House committee in New Orleans and produce the telegrams called for, and it is said that if he and Barnes, his New Orleans employee, are brought before the bar of the House for contempt, Judge Carter will apply to President Grant for a detail of soldiers to release them.

Ex Senator Trumbull, republican, of Illinois, finds it difficult to speak with moderation of the action of the Louisiana returning board as the U. S. Supreme Court did of the decree of Judge Underwood in the McVeigh case.

In the message sent by the President to the Senate Tuesday he expresses the hope that he may soon be able to conclude a satisfactory extradition treaty with Great Britain.

Midshipmen Thayer, and the Japanese student J. G. Kunitomo, were dismissed from the Annapolis Naval Academy yesterday for taking French leave and other irregularities.

At Trevillion's Depot, Louisa county, Va., A. E. Hancock has been appointed postmaster, vice Martha J. Trevillion, resigned.

Foreign News.

It is believed the Porte will not reject all the proposals of the Powers, but they are getting into several points.

Gambetta has been defeated in a vote against the French Senate.

President Lerdo's Secretary of War, General Mejia, arrived at Havana yesterday, having been banished from Mexico because he advised Diaz to meet with Iglesias. He thinks not Lerdo brought him upon himself by seeking a re-election. General Mejia has no confidence in the success of Diaz, who is having some of an arbitrary character. He is not disposed to credit the capture of Lerdo and the shooting of Espejo. The former he thinks reached the Pacific coast in safety.

The steamer *Meseta* has been heard of. She put in at Trujillo on the Honduras. The American schooner *Meiji Maru* arrived at Havana yesterday, and brought three of the *Mogezuma*'s crew, who escaped from a boat which was shot astern by her in Trujillo for a pilot and captured.

A special dispatch from Paris says there is the highest authority for stating that notwithstanding the hopeful dispatch recently received from Constantinople there is not a single chance of peace in the East.

The Cincinnati Resolutions.

The political paper which formed the basis of debate in the life of Representatives yesterday, covered the prevalence and results of the enigma meeting at Price's Opera House, Cincinnati, on the 2nd of December, at which Hon. Henry Stanton presided. The resolutions, among other things, declare that the constitution of the United States does not, either in terms of implication, confer on the President or the Senate, or any state person, the right to canvass and count the electoral vote for President and Vice-President; that such a right has never been exercised, and until very recently had never been claimed; that the association of this right is directly at war with the practice uniformly adhered to by the party in whose behalf it is now made, as well as with the invariable uses of our government since the election and inauguration of its first illustrious President; that it is the duty of Congress to meet with unyielding firmness upon the integrity of its constitutional right and prerogatives, and by their just and fair exercise avert the peril which threatened the peace and safety of the republic; that any decision made by the two houses of Congress will be generally acquiesced in by the whole people, and that any attempt to nominate a President, and that any attempt to nominate the first lady here, and number among their number the wives of Richmonians, some of whom will soon take prominent part in the drama.

Only a few members of the legislature are in the city, and they, poor fellows, look out of place. Their principal occupation is eating big dinners at the hotel, and their walking out on the city pavements, and wearing out the seats of Spanish's twelve dollar portmanteaus. Between these two little divisions they manage to wade through.

The Episcopal churches here are not so gaily decorated this year. Indeed I think the custom (in Episcopal churches) of decorating the churches is growing into disuse. The attention of the congregations to these matters is not so literally bestowed as in former years. One reason of this is the fact that they, at least, do not object to the appointment of a committee to investigate frauds in the Southern States, and with three exceptions voted against it. They had also voted against the resolution calling for information in regard to the election of Governor Wills from the Governorship of Louisiana. The Republican party was attempting to defeat the will of the people by fraud; but if there was one thing the people loved more than another, more than life, it was the liberty that was vouchsafed to them in an honored ballot box. [Applause on the democratic side and in the galleries.] He wished to tell the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Garfield) that the people would have an honest ballot box. Though the army might come with eighty rounds of ammunition; though the navy might be called upon; though the eighty thousand officers might be called to the rescue, an honest people would put them all down. [Applause.] He hoped, however, that members on the other side of the House would throw aside their partisanship and stand by the right. Mr. Banning said he also thought that the gentleman (Mr. Garfield) had taken the position that it must be printed; and now, when a petition came signed by citizens of both parties, the gentleman objected to the printing of it. The other side of the House had also objected to the appointment of a committee to investigate frauds in the Southern States, and with three exceptions voted against it. They had also voted against the resolution calling for information in regard to the election of Governor Wills from the Governorship of Louisiana. The Republican party was attempting to defeat the will of the people by fraud; but if there was one thing the people loved more than another, more than life, it was the liberty that was vouchsafed to them in an honored ballot box. [Applause on the democratic side and in the galleries.] He wished to tell the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Garfield) that the people would have an honest ballot box.

Intelligence has been received here of the death of Col. John W. Minor, doorkeeper of the Senate. He died yesterday at his residence, Graveline, Loudon county, of pneumonia. Col. Minor has not been in the city this session. On the day the Senate first met a letter was presented from him stating that he was ill and could not attend to the duties of his position. His friends hoped that he would recover in a day or two; but his disease took a fatal turn unanticipated by them. Col. Minor was a true type of the old Virginia gentleman, and he will be regretted by his friends in all parts of the State. He represented his country one term in the legislature, and was subsequently elected door-keeper of the Senate, which position he held up to the time of his death.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnson's family are expected to arrive in the city to-night. They are expected to take room at the St. Clare Hotel for the present.

A large number of applicants have sprung up for the vacant place of door-keeper of the Senate, made vacant by the death of Col. Minor.

County Items.

All present were highly gratified and amused at the Christmas exercises held at the new Presbyterian church last Saturday evening. The Sunday school room was handsomely decorated. The Christmas tree, standing near the end of the room, was in the shape of an arch, under which were two chairs; behind the arch, but in front of the audience, was the Sunday school choir, accompanied by Rev. David Riddle in an earnest prayer in behalf of the little folks. Superintendent J. C. Brown then waved his hand over the young choir sang with merry voices a lively Christmas carol. Next, his conclusion was raised by the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, dressed in costumes highly appropriate to these distinguished persons. Speeches were made by the scholars, which were full of fun and wit, and were heartily enjoyed. Several classes had been presented with their gifts and several songs had been sung when Jackie, the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, made his appearance, to the great delight of the children. Jackie was gotten up in truly Dutch style—woden shoes yellow hair, &c. He sang a Dutch song and made a Dutch speech, which brought forth laughter from the big folks and from the little ones.

A meeting of the citizens in the vicinity of Boston was held last night, the 27th instant, at Walker school house. Mr. Henry Whallon was called to the chair, and D. Hayes chosen secretary. Upon request, Mr. T. H. Sypherd stated that the object of the meeting was to find out the feeling of the community with reference to the proposed passage of the Washington and Cincinnati Narrow Gauge Railroad through this country. He then descended at some length upon the advantages that would be derived from its success. Capt. Lucy said that although the passing of the road through this section was not a fixed fact, yet he was almost absolutely certain it would; that Mr. Bost, the President of the road, was a reliable and competent man, and with the appropriate amount of aid from the people of this section, he would bring the road, which was about 30 miles of rail laid and 80 miles graded, to rapid completion; that Mr. Bost had said it required a six months' subscription to the road, and that the road would be completed as far as Falls Church from Georgetown in 90 days, that the road from Falls Church would be only 10 cents, and by communication would be 15 cents. It was distinctly understood by the meeting that if the road combined with the Aqueduct Bridge Company no assistance would be given. On motion the chair appointed the following committee to inquire into right of way and subscriptions, viz: Capt. Lucy, T. H. Sypherd, John T. Birch, Thos. Jewish, Captain with Geo. W. Under, Albert Douglass, Ira Minson, Richard Weston, Douglas Hays and Henry Whallon. Mr. Lucy appointed Friday evening next as the time for the meeting of the committee. The meeting then adjourned.

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News of the Day.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 27, 1856.—No further developments in that disorderly affair have yet been made. It causes much talk in society circles, and the true history of it must be left out in a new day. The gentlemen concerned add their heads have impeded the papers here to say a word about it, and of course the enterprising reporters of these papers have made no efforts to work up an item which they cannot use. The outside world takes a wrong view of the advisability of keeping such things out of the papers. It cannot be done in the first place. No paper on earth can keep a good record in the public. It will reach them in the form or another. Now in this instance two young men are caught just as they are about to fight a duel. Nothing is said of it in the papers but the gossip sets it with reverent respect, and retail it by wholesale with many additions and comments of their own. The result will be that the public will, in a few days, know more about it than the parties concerned. Now I have heard to-day in the street that one of the parties showed the white feather and took care to let it be known that he was about to fight a duel in order that he might be arrested. If this is untrue, it does great injustice to the party concerned. When such things occur they should be subsumed in by the papers.

The Internal Revenue Office is now assi-

gning and collecting large amounts of money from banks and bankers, the tax on capital and deposits during the current month. The amount assessed has been about two million dollars.

The applications for employment at the Treasury Department are more numerous than ever before, but there are no vacancies.

The threatened strike of locomotive engineers on the Grand Trunk railway is reported to have been arranged on the basis of all three grades of engineers accepting the proposition of the company to pay two dollars and twenty-five cents per day.

The Disputed States.

FLORIDA.

The radical members of the Florida restoration board, who, with the Governor, had accepted the situation and were about to obey formally the mandate of the court to reconstruct the vote, yesterday changed their minds, it is said upon orders from Washington, and declined to file a motion to vacate the rule and set aside the mandate. Attorney General Cooke, the demerit member of the board, proceeded to canvass the vote alone and named a majority of the honest count for both Drew and Tilden, for the former of 497 and the latter 94. The radical members of the board, then decided to unite in a report, and the votes were again canvassed, and after throwing out a portion of them the State was given to the democrats by 195 majority, but the electoral ticket to the radicals by 266 majority. Attorney General Cooke protested. The court will review the count to day.

LOUISIANA.

During the Congressional investigation yesterday, it was ordered that Birney, the Western Union telegraph manager at New Orleans, be taken in custody to appear before the court for contempt of his order of the House requiring him to produce dispatches before the committee. The examination of witnesses was suspended, as was also done by the Senatorial committee.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The quo warranto case against the Hayes electors came up yesterday in the Supreme Court, at Columbia. Curtis, counsel for the electors, attempted to gain delay, but during the proceedings it transpired that he had carried the case into the United States Court, whereupon the opposing counsel insisted upon the case proceeding without delay in the State court, and Judge Willard fixed the hearing for to day at 11 o'clock. Curtis expressed an intention of not appearing. The Congressional committee is still engaged in the examination of witnesses, but has completed its labors of compiling the election returns. The result is that all the Hayes electors have a majority on the face of the returns.

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PROTECTION OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

The following bill has been introduced into the Legislature by Maj. Daniel:

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